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SUBJECT: SWISS LETTER CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL NOTIFICATIONS

REF: MTN GENEVA 2582

1. THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS RECEIVED BY MTN DEL SHORTLY
BEFORE OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH SWITZERLAND ON APRIL 4.
SINCE THE CONSULTATION WAS TO COVER ONLY
NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE "OTHER PRODUCTS" PROCEDURES OF
GROUP AGRICULTURE, WE DEFERRED DISCUSSION OF THE SWISS
VARIABLE LEVY ON DRIED PULSES TO A LATER DATE (SEE REFTEL).
THE QUESTION OF THE PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH THIS ITEM WOULD
BE DISCUSSED (GROUP AGRICULTURE OR NTM PARENT GROUP) WAS
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LEFT OPEN ALTHOUGH THE SWISS OBVIOUSLY WILL INSIST THAT IN
ANY CASE REPORTS BE MADE ALSO TO THE GROUP AGRICULTURE.

2. FOLLOWING IS AN INFROMA MTN DEL TRANSLATION
OF THE SWISS LETTER:

BEGIN TEXT: CONSULTATIONS ON MEASURES CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL

PRODUCTS

MR. AMBASSADOR:

ON FEBRUARY 4, 1977, YOU SENT US A NOTIFICATION ON THE SUBJECT OF DRY LEGUMES OF POSITION 0705. THIS NOTIFICATION, CIRCULATED IN DOCUMENT MTN/NTM/82, ADD. 1 OF FEBRUARY 14, 1977, AND PRESENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED ON JANUARY 13, 1977 BY THE NTM GROUP, CONCERNS A MEASURE APPLICABLE TO AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT. ON OUR PART, THIS CALLS FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS WHICH WE BEG YOU TO NOTE:

-- YOU WILL RECALL THAT WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE QR SUBGROUP, THE SWISS DELEGATION HAS ALWAYS SHOWN ITSELF DISPOSED, FOR REASONS OF CONVENIENCE AND SO AS NOT TO DELAY THE "FACT FINDING" ON PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO ITS PARTNERS IN THE MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATION ON ALL THE MEASURES NOTIFIED, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. IN TAKING THIS POSITION, THE SWISS DELEGATION HAS SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT THIS DOES NOT PREJUDICE ITS POSITION OF PRINCIPLE ACCORDING TO WHICH PROBLEMS RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS MUST BE TREATED IN THE SPECIFIC CONTEXT OF AGRICULTURE.

-- THEREAFTER, GROUP AGRICULTURE HAS, HOWEVER, AGREED ON THE 16TH OF DECEMBER 1975 TO A NOTIFICATION AND CONSULTATION PROCEDURE CONCERNING ALL THE TARIFF AND NON-TARIFF MEASURES AFFECTING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS OTHER THAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THOSE DEALT WITH BY PRODUCT SUB-GROUPS (DOCUMENT MTN/AG/4 OF DECEMBER 18, 1975, PARA 1 A).

-- THE SWISS DELEGATION HAS FOLLOWED THIS PROCEDURE BY ADDRESSING TO YOU ON JANUARY 28, 1977, THE NOTIFICATION WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED IN MTN/AG/W/11 AD. 18. IT WISHES THAT THIS PROCEDURE BE ALSO APPLIED BY ITS PARTNERS WHEN THEY NOTIFY TO SWITZERLAND MEASURES ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

-- UNDER THESE CONDITIONS, I SUGGEST THAT MEASURES OF INTEREST TO OUR TWO DELEGATIONS CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENTS MTN/AG/W/11 ADD. 18 AND MTN/AG/W/11 ADD. 10, MTN/NTM/W/82 ADD. 1 AS WELL AS IN THE LETTERS EXCHANGED ON JUNE 12, 1975, AND APRIL 21, 1976, BE EXAMINED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN THE COURSE OF THE CONSULTATION WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE IN THE FIRST DAYS OF THE MONTH OF APRIL, IT BEING UNDERSTOOD THAT WITH REGARD TO MEASURES CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, THE SECRETARIAT WILL DISTRIBUTE IN ANY CASE TO GROUP AGRICULTURE THE SUCCINCT NOTES DESCRIBING THESE CONSULTATIONS IN SUCH A WAY

THAT THEY CAN BE DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO THE PROCEDURE FORE-
SEEN IN DOCUMENT MTN/AG/5, PARA 4 I.

PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE ASSURANCE OF OUR HIGH
CONSIDERATION. END TEXT. WALKER

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